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# EPITAPH

ON THE

## Executive Council!

CEASED

to exist at the hour of  
12 M.

on Wednesday, the third of December  
In the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-two!

THE TERRIBLE QUINTUMVIRATE

Usurper of the Sovereignty of the State of  
SOUTH CAROLINA,

who

after an Existence of One Hundred and Forty-five days,  
during which they endeavored to trample upon all the

RIGHTS DEAR TO A FREE PEOPLE,

Having declared Martial Law over the

CITY OF CHARLESTON

on the eve of a petition from the people to their Representatives to  
re-assemble the

C O N V E N T I O N

They endeavored to suppress the

FREEDOM OF SPEECH & DROWN DISCUSSION!

The private property of citizens was seized—all offices distributed  
among their kin and friends—solemn Acts of the General Assembly  
were altered or repealed—the settled Law of the Land abrogated—  
the Constitution of the State overturned—the Public Fund squandered,

And Finally

*They quarreled among themselves!*

When

The Constitutional Legislature of the State rising in its Dignity and  
Power, they, the proper custodians of her honor, by a vote of **96**  
Yeas and only **6** voting in mercy, blotted out its Existence, on the day,  
and in the year above written!

MAY

An incensed and justly outraged people grant peace to their unsightly  
ashes, and may their FATE, illustrating the old saying "*Vaulting  
ambition oft o'erleaps itself,*" be a heeded

WARNING

To all who approach irreverently

THE SACRED ARK

of the

PEOPLE'S RIGHTS!

*"Sic Semper Tyrannis."*

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